GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4214
ANSWERED ON:19.04.2002
ADULTERATION AND BLACKMARKETING OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of the increasing cases of adulteration, hoarding and blackmarketing of essential commodities;

(b) if so, the details thereof, Statewise, till date; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Union Government against the persons involved in these cases and also to stop the recurrence of such cases in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) to (c): The Essential Commodities Act, 1955 is in force. Under the Act, the State Governments/UT Administrations have been delegated most of the powers to issue Control Orders for regulating the production, supply and distribution of essential commodities and to take enforcement action. The State Governments are also empowered to take action against hoarders and blackmarketeers under the Prevention of Blackmarketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980. Information received from the State Governments/UTs about action taken by them under these two Acts for the years 2001 & 2002 (received upto 31.3.2002) are enclosed as Annexures I, II and III.

The State Governments/UT administrations are requested from time to time to take effective action to prevent hoarding & blackmarketing of Essential Commodities.

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PART (A) TO (C) OF REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4214 19/04/2002

ACTION TAKEN UNDER ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES ACT, 1955 INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM STATES/UTS FC YEAR 2001

W.E.F. 1.1.2001

Sl.No	STATE/UT	No. of raids made	No. of persons arrested	No. of persons prosecuted	No. of persons convicted	Value of goods confiscated upto (in Rs.lakh)	Reported upto
1	Andhra Pradesh	4665	840	9	2	190.59	March
2	Assam	280	4			0.89	September+
3	Arunachal Pradesh	Nil					July
4	Bihar					Not Reported	
5	Chhattishgarh						Not Reported
6	Delhi	66	74	18		Not Given	December
7	Gujarat	44869	70		72	241.45	December
8	Goa	1019	3				December
9	Haryana	31	5			9.17	December##
10	Himachal Pradesh	Nil					November
11	Jammu & Kashmir	543	529		4	14	December
12	Jharkhand					Not Reported	
13	Karnataka	1563	109	354	3	12.76	December#

14 Kerela 5158 6 16.9 December+++
15 Madhya Pradesh Not Reported
16 Maharashtra 962 1403 318 203.62 December
17 Manipur 208 December$
18 Meghalaya 22 December
19 Mizoram 86 December
20 Nagaland Nil November
21 Orissa 703 31 82 - 26.431 December
22 Punjab 35898 4 1 - 1.44 December$$
23 Rajasthan 69 16 36 6.5 November
24 Sikkim 1 1 1 December $$$
25 Tamil Nadu 8506 1720 4003 3182 385.94 December#
26 Tripura 138 9 33 7.86 December
27 Uttaranchal Not Reported
28 Uttar Pradesh 60004 41 60 - 93.63 December#
29 West Bengal 538 372 72 - 131 December++
30 A & N Islands 134 March
31 Chandigarh Nil December###
32 D & N Haveli 3 6 4 0.74 December
33 Daman & Diu Nil July
34 Lakshadweep Nil December
35 Pondicherry 29 14 14 - 0.29 December

Total 165495 5253 5066 3219 1330.21

Statement showing information received upto 31.03.2002

+ - Except January & February
++ - Except August & October
+++ - Except March

$ - Except November
$$ - Except June&September
$$$ - Except May & October

- Except September
- Except October
- Except August to November

ANNEXURE-II
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PART (A) TO (C) OF REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4214 19/04/2002

ACTION TAKEN UNDER THE ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES ACT, 1955 INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM STATES/UTS FO YEAR 2002

W.E.F. 1.1.2002

Sl.No STATE/UT No. of raids made | No. of persons arrested | No. of persons prosecuted | No. of persons convicted | Value of goods confiscated | Reported Upto

(in Rs.lakh)

1 Andhra Pradesh Not Reported
2 Assam Not Reported
3 Arunachal Pradesh Not Reported
4 Bihar Not Reported
5 Chhattisgarh Not Reported
6 Delhi 4 2 January
7 Gujarat 3309 3 19.67 February +
8 Goa Not Reported
9 Haryana 1 1 1 14 January
10 Himachal Pradesh Nil January

11	Jammu & Kashmir				Not Reported	
12	Jharkhand				Not Reported	
13	Karnataka	120	2		0.28	January
14	Kerela				Not Reported	
15	Madhya Pradesh				Not Reported	
16	Maharashtra	95	156	88	10.34	January
17	Manipur		21		January	
18	Meghalaya	5			February	
19	Mizoram		13		January	
20	Nagaland	Nil			January	
21	Orissa		94		0.901	February
22	Punjab				Not Reported	
23	Rajasthan				Not Reported	
24	Sikkim				Not Reported	
25	Tamil Nadu	1010	17	364	18.37	January
26	Tripura				Not Reported	
27	Uttaranchal				Not Reported	
28	Uttar Pradesh	373			1.95	March
29	West Bengal	65	35	13	13.08	January
30	A & N Islands				Not Reported	
31	Chandigarh	Nil			January	
32	D & N Haveli	Nil			January	
33	Daman & Diu				Not Reported	
34	Lakshadweep	Nil			February	
35	Pondicherry	7	2		0.76	February
	Total	5117	215	469	0	79.351

Statement showing information received upto 31.03.2002

+ - Except January

ANNEXURE - III

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PART (A) TO (C) OF REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4214 19/04/2002

STATE-WISE POSITION ON NUMBER OF PERSONS DETAINED UNDER THE PREVENTION OF BLACKMARKETING AND MAINTENANCE OF SUPPLIES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES ACT, 1980 FOR 2001 AND 2002 (UPTO 31ST MARCH , 2002).

States	2001	2002 (upto 31.03.2002)
Gujarat	97	24
Tamil Nadu	37	4
Madhya Pradesh	2	-
Uttar Pradesh	7	-
Orrisa	5	1
TOTAL	148	29

Note : Detention under the Act has not been reported by other States/UTs.